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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office action mailed April 6, 2004 indicates that the application contains claims directed to eight distinct species of the claimed invention. The species are indicated as Roman Numerals I-VII, with Roman Numeral I repeated twice. These remarks utilize the Office action numbering, with the first occurrence of I indicated as I[a] and the second occurrence of I indicated as I[b].

The eight patentably distinct species identified by the Office action are as follows:

- I[a] Claim 2 directed to e-card information,
- I[b] Claim 4 direct to credit information,
- II Claim 10 directs to Doppler
- III Claim 11 directs to error correction,
- IV Claim 12 directs to probe,
- V Claims 6-9, 13-15 direct to location and contact information,
- VI Claims 17, 19-25 direct to security level index,
- VII Claim 26 directs to geographic location.

Applicant elects Group V, claims 6-9, 13-15 directed to location and contact information for further prosecution on the merits. This election is made without traverse.

The Office action also indicates that claims 1, 3, 5, 16 and 18 are generic. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 5-9, 13-16, and 18 (and new claims 27 and 28 discussed below) will remain in the application for further prosecution on the merits, with the Examiner expected to withdraw from consideration the remaining claims. As applicant best understands the restriction

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requirement, the claims indicated above are readable on the elected species. However, Applicant notes that claim 18 includes "a security level index associated with information maintained by the home site computer". Accordingly, it is possible that claim 18 may belong to the species indicated by Group VI, claim 17, 19-15 directed to a security level index.

In addition, Applicant now adds claims 27 and 28. Claims 27 and 28 are readable upon the elected species.

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